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# Beverly Hills Council Considers Own Health Department

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

The possible creation of a separate Public Health Department for the City of Beverly Hills was the main topic of discussion at the City Council's Dec. 8 Special Study Session. The concept was first introduced at the Dec. 1 Study Session, in response to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) Order that prohibits in-person dining. The Council has since approved a resolution,

sending a letter to County Health officials opposing that Public Health Order. The letter cited a lack of data that supports a link between in-person dining (including outdoor dining) and the surge in COVID-19 cases. As evidenced by the public comments at recent Council hearings, as well as the amount of correspondence received by City officials, the decision to curtail restaurant

operations has been devastating to businesses in Beverly Hills. Although opponents of the dining prohibition have recently gained some victories in the Los Angeles Superior Court, this week's Regional Stay at Home Order imposed by the State will continue to keep restaurants closed for any on-premises dining. (City Health Department continues on page 3)



The City Council discussed the issue of an independent Health Department at its Dec. 8 Study Session. Photo by Bianca Heyard

# Beverly Hills Residents Face Solid Waste Rate Hikes

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council voted to approve a five-year increase of solid waste rates. While an earlier proposal scheduled the rate hike to begin in July 2021, the Council opted instead to delay the implementation until January 2022 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Council voted 4-1, with Councilmember John Mirisch dissenting.

While the City's General Fund receives money from taxes (like the sales tax and transient occupancy tax), the City's solid waste disposal is supported by an enterprise fund. This is a self-sufficient coffer maintained by service charges. For solid waste disposal, the service charges paid by residents and businesses goes toward refuse and recycling collection, yard waste and organic waste collection, and for material sorting and processing.

Beverly Hills has not seen any changes to its solid waste disposal rates since 2011, "despite the addition of State mandated programs for organics processing and several escalations in the price of landfill disposal and recycling processing," the staff report reads.

(Rate Hikes continues on page 9)

# COVID-19 Update

BY BIANCA HEYWARD

Thanksgiving has come and gone and now Hanukkah is upon us. Residents of Beverly Hills have grown accustomed to a holiday season of rapidly-changing health orders, initiatives and programs. As the year winds down, Los Angeles County continues to see more new cases of COVID-19 every day than any other point during the pandemic. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) has confirmed 74 new deaths and 12, 819 new cases of COVID-19 as of Dec. 10. In Beverly Hills, there have been 1,152 cases of COVID-19 and 11 deaths. To date, the agency has identified 487,917 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County, and a total of 8,149 deaths. (Covid Update continues on page 7)

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https://kidsonstageproductions.com/ hanukkahshow



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DEC. 11 - 13 THE SORAYA: MANUAL CINEMA'S "CHRISTMAS CAROL"

The Soraya brings a rare holiday treat - a series of live performances from the world of Manual Cinema. This holiday season, the company takes on Charles Dickens' classic with a visually inventive adaptation made to broadcast directly to the home. The story is told by Aunt Trudy, an avowed holiday skeptic. On Christmas Eve, during quarantine, she has been recruited to entertain her family with a puppet show on a Zoom call. The puppets soon take on a life of their own, and the family's call transforms into a stunning cinematic adaptation of the classic ghost story. In signature Manual Cinema fashion, hundreds of paper puppets, miniatures, silhouettes, and an original live score come together to tell an imaginative reinvention of this cherished holiday classic.

https://www.thesoraya.org



DEC. 11 - 18
WALLIS ANNENBERG CENTER FOR
THE PERFORMING ARTS: "THE
FLYING LOVERS OF VITEBSK"

The magical world of artist Marc Chagall and his wife Bella is brought to life in Daniel Jamieson's "The Flying Lovers of Vitebsk," presented by the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts on demand from Dec. 11 - 18. Partners in life and on canvas, Marc and Bella are immortalized as the picture of romance. The program was filmed in December live on stage at the UK's Bristol Old Vic (with strict COVID health restrictions and without an audience). Tickets may be purchased by visiting the website, by email at Tickets@TheWallis.org or by calling 310-746-4000. https://thewallis.org/Lovers

DEC. 11 - 20 LATINO THEATRE COMPANY HOLIDAY PAGEANT: "LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, DIOS INANTZIN" 7 p.m.

Join for an archival stream video showing of Latino Theater Company's signature holiday pageant, which has taken place annually since 2002 at Downtown L.A.'s Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Starring renowned opera singer Suzanna Guzman as the Virgin and featuring over 100 actors, singers and indigenous Aztec dancers as well as children and seniors from the community, "La Virgen de Guadalupe, Dios Inantzin" is adapted for the stage by Evelina Fernández from the mid-16th century text "The Nican Mopohua," performed in Spanish with English subtitles, and directed by José Luis Valenzuela.

 $\underline{https:/\!/www.thelatc.org/}$ 



DEC. 11, 18, 25 "THE CHRISTMAS CAROLER CHALLENGE"ON THE CW 8-10 p.m.

This three-episode, two hour-long Christmas caroling competition on The CW features 10 caroling groups and celebrity judges. The winning group will receive a Grand Prize trophy, 1,000 toys to be donated to Marine Toys for Tots in the name of the winning group and an opportunity to perform in The 90th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade supporting Marine Toys for Tots in 2021. https://www.cwtvpr.com/the-cw/shows/the-christmas-caroler-challenge/about



DEC. 13 SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER: "THE WIDE WORLD OF HANUKKAH TREATS WITH AMELIA SALTSMAN" 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.; 1 - 2 p.m.

Skirball Cultural Center presents
"Hanukkah Treats." Join Amelia Saltsman,
author of "The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen:
A Fresh Take on Tradition," for an
online live cooking workshop to make
cheese pancakes inspired by Saltsman's
Romanian and Iraqi roots.
https://www.skirball.org/
programs/holiday-programs/
wide-world-hanukkah-treats



DEC. 13 SKIRBALL HANUKKAH CELEBRATION 3 p.m.

Celebrate online at the annual Skirball Hanukkah Celebration with a community candle lighting and sing-along. Enjoy the klezmer beat of Mostly Kosher, Israeli superstar Gili Yalo, retelling of the Hanukkah story, and games. Before the celebration, register for a Hanukkah Show and Tell at 2:30 p.m., and preorder latkes and treats.

https://www.skirball.org/ programs/holiday-programs/ skirball-hanukkah-celebration



DEC. 13
THE ED ASNER FAMILY CENTER: "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" GALA 5 p.m.

Ed Asner joins a star-studded team of actors, including Mia Farrow, Carol Kane, Ed Begley Jr., Diedrich Bader, Bill Pullman, Ellie Kemper, Richard Kind, B.D. Wong, and Michael Shannon, for a one-night-only live virtual celebrity table read of the 1946 holiday classic "It's A Wonderful Life" on Dec. 13 hosted by Tom Bergeron. The event raises money for the The Ed Asner Family Center, dedicated to promoting mental health and enrichment programs to special needs children and their families. https://www.edasnerfamilycenter.org/itsawonderfullife/

#### DEC. 13 - 27 ISRAEL FILM FESTIVAL

The 34th Israel Film Festival in Los Angeles, the largest showcase of Israeli cinema in North America, will be presented online for the first time this year from Dec. 13 - 27. The opening night film will be "Asia," winner of nine Ophir Awards including Best Film, Best Director for Ruthy Pribar, and Best Supporting Actress for Shira Hass, who was nominated for an Emmy Award for her role in Netflix's "Unorthodox." https://www.israelfilmfestival.com/



DEC. 14
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM LA - LATKES
AND LIGHTS: AN EVENING WITH
HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR GABRIELLA
KARIN AND CHEF AKASHA RICHMOND
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Holocaust Museum LA presents a virtual, family-friendly Hanukkah celebration combining history and cuisine. The evening will include remarks from Chef Akasha Richmond, chef and co-owner of AKASHA, as well as an opportunity for attendees to engage with Holocaust survivor Gabriella Karin about her story, favorite Hanukkah memories and light the menorah.

https://www.holocaustmuseumla.org/ event-details/latkes-and-lights-an-eveningwith-holocaust-survivor-gabriella-karinand-chef-akasha-richmond

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# (City Health Department continued from page 1)

The notion of creating a City Public Health Department for Beverly Hills sprang from the restaurant health orders. It is, however, a complicated proposition. Like many other Southern California cities, Beverly Hills has been under the jurisdiction (and contracted with) the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health for several decades. The earliest date that the County's public health jurisdiction over the City could be terminated is July 1 of 2021.

The broad mission of the County Department of Public Health is to protect health, prevent disease, and promote health and well-being for everyone in Los Angeles County. The department's governing body also has the ability to take necessary measures such as the adoption of ordinances, regulations and orders to ensure the health of over 10 million people. The pandemic has brought to the forefront the question of whether it best serves Beverly Hills' 35,000 residents to be included in such a sizable constituency.

During the pandemic, the public visibility of the County department has increased considerably. Breaking away from the county to create a separate department for Beverly Hills would require a substantial undertaking of time, planning and resources. In fact, only three cities in the entire state presently operate their own Health Departments: Pasadena, Long Beach and Berkeley. Those departments were created in some cases more than a century ago.

Nonetheless, City Councilmember Lili Bosse has spearheaded the idea of a separate City Health Department for Beverly Hills.

"I think that we have certainly shown that health is a priority in terms of leadership and the choices that we've made as a City," Bosse said. "So, for me, I believe this is the absolute next step in taking our City to that place."

"I think that as we look at what opportunities there are and their costs and all the rest, I think we should take a long view of this, beyond the world of COVID-19 into how we envision managing the public health of our City," Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold said. "As a small City that's well endowed, I think we have opportunities here that other cities may not." Gold added, "I would just like us not to be short sighted. This is not only about coping, it's really about a longer-term vision for the public health of the City."

"And I completely agree," Bosse responded. "We are a City that has been independent in terms of police, in terms of fire and in terms of schools. And that's why people live here as opposed to L.A., Brentwood or other places."

Other councilmembers disagreed, arguing that the creation of a City Health Department doesn't meet the needs of the moment and would be a mismanagement of City funds and staff.

Councilmember John Mirisch said he considered the idea of creating a City Health Department to be a "knee jerk overreaction. The notion that a city of 35,000 people would have its own Health Department in a

county with 10 million people doesn't make sense," Mirisch said.

"I get it, we may have issued more tickets than other cities in the county, but you know what, winning a race to the bottom is nothing to be proud of," Mirisch said. "We've made zero arrests or citations—or maybe one after the fact—at some of the super spreader events that continue to take place in our City. And that's where we can start showing that we're taking this seriously if we really do want to be the healthiest City."

"I think we'd be better off spending our resources, time, and expertise efforts in terms of specific things that would promote health in the City, as opposed to building a bureaucracy around a public health department," Vice Mayor Robert Wunderlich said. "Are we better off having our own health department or do we want to do things to promote health," Wunderlich asked. "It's not necessary to have our own health department to do things to promote health."

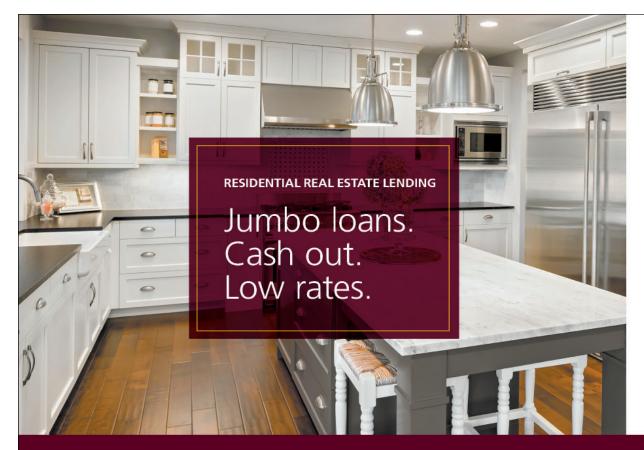
Despite significant logistical and financial challenges, the Council directed City staff to continue to move forward with help and input from the City's Medical Advisory Task Force.

"This was a very high-level overview," Mayor Friedman said. "Creating another bureaucracy...would be a giant, giant leap for us. Having said that, I don't think that we were unhappy with the decision that county health made. I think we were unhappy with the way they got to that decision. As the judge stated, there was no data or scientific evidence for them can make that kind of

decision."

Last week, the California Restaurant Association (CRA) filed a lawsuit in hopes of blocking the county ban to end in-person dining. Following the Dec. 8 hearing, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge James Chalfant ruled that Los Angeles County health officials "failed to perform the required risk-benefit analysis" when putting another pause on outdoor dining as a coronavirus-control measure. "By failing to weigh the benefits of an outdoor dining restriction against its costs, the county acted arbitrarily, and its decision lacks a rational relationship to a legitimate end," Chalfant wrote in his ruling. "The balance of harms works in petitioners' favor until such time as the county concludes after proper risk-benefit analysis that restaurants must be closed to protect the healthcare system."

While Chalfont's ruling was sympathetic towards the restaurant industry, he noted that Governor Gavin Newsom's Regional Stay-at-Home order, which took effect Dec. 6, also includes a ban on in-person outdoor dining. Chalfant instead instructed the county against imposing its dining ban beyond the original three-week time period, which ends Dec. 16. The state's order, at a minimum, will be in place until Dec. 27. However, Chalfant said the county—which is obliged to adhere to the state's order—can only extend the restriction beyond that "after conducting an appropriate risk-benefit analysis." •



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# News

# Council Extends Private Security Contract

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

The Beverly Hills City Council voted unanimously to extend the contract with private armed security company Covered 6. The City enlisted the services of the company at the end of October in anticipation of unrest around the Nov. 3 general election. While anarchy did not descend on the streets of Beverly Hills, the City has continued to see weekly protests over COVID-19 public health restrictions. Even as the City imposes stricter limitations on assemblies, it still anticipates gatherings to continue through the Inauguration of President-Elect Joe Biden.

"Since May, 2020 there have been ongoing protests in [Beverly Hills], the region and throughout the country," the contract between the City and Covered 6 reads. "Life and property may continue to be in peril and the safety of the public, and public and private property, has required the imposition of curfews and a limitation on public gatherings in residential areas of [Beverly Hills]."

"In order to ensure [Beverly Hills] is prepared for future protests, [Beverly Hills] desires to enter into this Agreement with a security services firm to supplement [Beverly Hills]'s Police Department ("BHPD") and if needed, its Fire Department."

The original agreement between the City and Covered 6, approved at the Oct. 13 City Council meeting, cost the City \$541,264 for supplemental security services starting on election week. According to a report on the contract extension compiled by staff, that amount will run out by Dec. 12.

"Staff anticipates the weekend protests to continue through the Inauguration of President-Elect Biden," the report reads. "As such, staff is proposing to continue using Covered 6 for supplemental security in the City's Business Triangle through January 23, 2021."

The City estimates the cost of the amended contract at \$365,000. •

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# Council Considers Expanding Affordable Housing Project

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



The Beverly Hills City Council discussed the possibility of vastly expanding a potential affordable housing development on Cityowned property at the Dec. 8 Study Session. But while the project offers the City a unique opportunity to construct affordable housing on a large scale, Councilmembers grappled with the corresponding price tag.

"We recognize the need for affordable housing," said Councilmember John Mirisch. "Here, we have an extremely unique opportunity."

The City first came across the idea of developing the land on 9298 West 3rd Street into affordable housing in early 2019. The West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, a nonprofit affordable housing development corporation, approached the City with an unsolicited proposal to transform the site into the City's second affordable housing development. While the City ultimately passed on the offer, it continued to explore the possibility of future development of the property.

In the interest of finding the right developer for the property, City staff prepared a draft Request for Qualifications and Conceptual Proposals (RFP), a step necessary for screening and soliciting bids. The Council planned on reviewing the RFP in March, but the COVID-19 pandemic put the project on the backburner. In the meantime, the City-owned property next door to the lot opened up, and with it, the possibilities for future development. The first property at 9298 covers about 12,100 square feet. The newly-vacated property stretches over about 51,200 square feet.

At earlier discussions, the City Council expressed support for developing affordable housing for senior citizens with preference for residents of Beverly Hills. The development would be multiple stories with the possibility of commercial use on the ground floor. Though the properties are not zoned for residential use, the City is able to circumvent zoning restrictions.

But expanding the scope of the project would also expand the cost. At the Dec. 8 Study Session, staff presented the Council with three size options for possible developments: 60 units costing \$8,086,000; 150 units costing \$20,923,000; and 300 units

costing \$39,286,000. While the City has about \$1.5 million available in its Affordable Housing Fund, the project would require additional resources from the City's general fund or from other sources.

At question at the Study Session was the scale of the proposals the City would solicit from developers. "You're going to put the RFP out for the general parameters of what you'd like to see and then the development community is going to tell you what they would like to build," said Kathe Head, President of affordable housing consultant Keyser Marston Associates.

"This is a once in a generation opportunity to make an impact and address the housing needs of those left behind by the market," said Jesse Slansky, President and CEO of the West Hollywood Community Housing Corporation, who called into the Study Session. "Time is of the essence. Let's stop wasting time. Let's move forward."

Some on the Council balked at the number of decimals following the dollar sign. Councilmember Dr. Julian Gold cast doubt on the feasibility of the project. "My instinct today is, I don't see a path forward to do the whole project. I just think the numbers are staggering," he said. He was still in favor of the project at a later date, but that the price tag gave him "indigestion."

These discussions come as the City faces a steep demand by the State to enable more development within Beverly Hills. As a part of the State's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), California has determined that Beverly Hills must enable development of more than 3,096 new units in the City. The upper ends of the 3rd Street project could cover nearly 10 percent of that.

According to John Douglas, a land-use consultant for the City, the move would help the City's image with the State in the upcoming RHNA effort. "I think it demonstrates very clearly the City's seriousness to try to address the housing shortage," he said.

The Council seemed hesitant on committing to a project of any size before seeing less speculative cost figures. As such, City staff will now put out an RFP for proposals that consider a two phased approach that starts with a smaller development with the possibility of expanding to the larger lot.

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# Gascón Brings Sweeping Changes On Day One

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW



George Gascón

After a closely watched campaign roiled by a national reckoning with race, George Gascón assumed the post of District Attorney in Los Angeles County on Dec. 7. The former San Francisco D.A. now oversees the largest county prosecutorial body in the country and the largest jail system in the world.

In an inaugural address both personal and data-heavy, Gascón laid out a paradigmatically different vision of law enforcement and the carceral system from that of his predecessor. Making good on the promises of his campaign, he announced a number of immediate and sweeping changes to items like cash bail and the death penalty. Though the City of Beverly Hills cast a majority of ballots for incumbent Jackie Lacey, Gascón offered an olive branch to all stakeholders in improving the system.

"I recognize that for many this is a new path," Gascón said in his address. "But whether you were born in L.A. or came to this country and to Los Angeles as a young boy like me, and whether you are a protestor, police officer, or prosecutor, I ask that you walk with me."

Gascón couched his ideology within his experiences as a former police officer. "I still remember to this day the first day that I put a uniform on," he said. Gascón joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1978, achieving the rank of Assistant Chief by 2003 and eventually serving as the San Francisco Police Department chief from 2009 to 2011. "However, I'm not the same man that I was when I first put on the uniform and one of the many reasons for that is because of situations that I've faced as a young police officer—situations and experiences that have stayed with me all my life."

Gascón used the inaugural address to unveil a number of immediate and

large-scale changes, what he described as "a series of policies based on data and science, not fear and emotion." He announced an end to the use of the death penalty and committed to resentencing those currently on death row.

Lacey faced criticism for what activists described as inaction in prosecuting police misconduct. Gascón made clear that he would take a more active approach. "The murder of George Floyd this summer was a horrific reminder that too often, our profession has failed to hold its own to the same standards we impose on the communities that we are sworn to protect and to serve," he said.

Gascón added that the D.A.'s office will end the use of sentencing enhancements, a practice that allows (or requires) prosecutors to add additional time to a sentence. Under the new policies, his office will undertake the "unprecedented effort to re-evaluate and resentence thousands of cases," he said. Those serving sentences with enhancements and those who have served more than 20 years in state prison are eligible for consideration.

# Legal Blow To Mixed Use Referendum

BY SAMUEL BRASLOW

An effort to place the City's recent mixed-use ordinance on the ballot hit a roadblock on Dec. 10, when a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge refused to grant an extension to gather more signatures. The referendum would have granted residents a chance to vote on the newly-created mixed-use overlay zone ordinance before it becomes law. The referendum required some 2,333 signatures within 30 days of adoption of the ordinance or Dec. 20. With COVID-19 presenting unique dangers to canvassers, the community activists behind the referendum push said the 30-day window of time simply was not enough.

"It's really not a safe thing to do. You can't go door to door," Darian Bojeaux told the Courier.

According to Bojeaux, she and other activists only gathered about 300 signatures out of the necessary 2,333. She noted that most of the group's members are retirees who are most vulnerable to the virus. "We had people who were gathering signatures, but we had maybe 20 percent of our usual workforce that we would expect right now," said Bojeaux.

Even with the legal setback, Borjeaux, an attorney who filed for the extension in court, said that she plans to appeal the Superior Court ruling as early as Dec. 14. "[I]t is a case

of first impression and needs to be decided, and decided expeditiously," she said.

"We are pleased with the ruling," said City Attorney Lawrence Weiner to the Courier. "The judge agreed with the City that he does not have the authority to grant Ms. Bojeaux the relief she requested." Weiner declined to comment on Borjeaux's intention to appeal.

The Beverly Hills City Council passed an ordinance allowing for mixed use development in certain commercial areas of the City on Nov. 10. Developments within the new overlay zone can include both residential and commercial uses. The passage of the ordinance was marked by vocal opposition from residents who called and wrote in to town halls and City Council meetings, expressing concerns that new developments would mar the character of the City and their quality of life.

Borjeaux was among those that opposed the ordinance. "This is really in my backyard, because I live within a block of Wilshire," she said. She is concerned about her neighborhood transforming too dramatically and losing parking on her street. "It's not just us that will be affected, though, because when some of Beverly Hills goes down, the whole City goes down." •





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# The Scene

# The Gifting Scene

BY CAROLE DIXON

#### **Holiday Gift Boxes 2020**

It's been a challenging year and with stores open at only 20 percent capacity, shopping could also be tricky this holiday season as well. If you missed Black Friday and Cyber Monday, here are some inventive gift box ideas for everyone on your list.



Assouline Dolce Vita Collection

#### For the Travel Connoisseur:

Assouline Publishing is known for producing stand-out volumes. This holiday season, they are packaging a colorful set of coffee table travel books (\$95 each) featuring scenes from Comporta to Capri. In addition, "Travel by Design" was just released this fall with images of more than 100 locations in 60 countries, from exotic islands to global cityscapes, ancient civilizations, luxurious resorts, and more. You can find them in Beverly Hills at Gearys, Neiman Marcus or Assouline.com.

#### For the Art Aficionado:

MoMA Museum has teamed up with celebrity favorite cool-kicks brand Vans for a one-of-a-kind sneaker collaboration with artistic motifs from its collection starting at \$80. The shoes have become canvases with Pollock, Van Gogh, Kandinsky, Monet and more. The gift boxes can be ordered with a matching sweatshirt for the full casual-cool lounging look which have all embraced this year. Vans.com



Sugarfina Candy Bento Box

#### For Dark Chocolate Lover:

The owners of popular Porch Gallery in Ojai have launched Beato Chocolates. The artisanal 72 percent dark chocolates with fleur de sel feature the artwork of world-renowned sculptor Beatrice Wood who made Ojai's Happy Valley her home and studio. You can also buy the large assorted bars (four for \$48) inspired by Wood's Dadaist work with unique combinations of roasted marcona almonds and smoked paprika, and a bar that also pays homage to the town's famed pixie tangerines with artistic packaging. beatochocolates.com

#### For the Gluten-free Baker:

Many of us have taken up bread baking during the pandemic. Newly-opened Breadblok of Santa Monica will do the heavy lifting for you by producing gluten-free loaves of chestnuts sourdough bread available for nationwide delivery. They are packaging this along with other carbs in a holiday box for \$149.99 that includes Provencal olive oil and fig jam. breadblok.com



Special Needz Coffee Staff

#### For the Coffee Addict:

Beverly Hills mainstay coffee shop Alfred's is always adding interesting merchandise to the mix, including this season's make-your-own vanilla latte DIY kit. The package includes espresso beans, oat milk, vanilla syrup, stainless steel straws, a to-go tumbler and tote bag for \$70 that will make 20 drinks. Available at Alfredla.com. And, for a gift of coffee for a good cause, the Southern California-based Special Needz Coffee provides opportunities for adults with special needs and/or mental illnesses to work in the community. Their medium and espresso roast whole bean and ground coffees can be included in gift baskets along with customized mugs, face masks, T-shirts and other merchandise that supports the work of the organization. www.specialneedzcoffee.com.

#### For the Tequila and Rosé fan:

Everyone's favorite sugar-gummy store, Sugarfina in Beverly Hills, has a new Candy Bento Box collaboration featuring Codigo 1530 signature Rosa tequila (aged in French oak barrels) with Tequila Grapefruit Sours and Top Shelf Rosé Roses candy. The box retails for \$35, and because this is the first time, they have combined alcohol and candy in the same package, it's being sold on ReserveBar.com.

#### For the Foodie:

Goldbelly is a national gourmet food service that will box up and ship your favorite meals to your door. If your significant other is missing mushroom lasagna from Gramercy Tavern in New York, Commander's Palace turtle soup from New Orleans, or your kids are craving Hattie B's fried chicken in Nashville or Pike Place chowder from Seattle, surprise them with a holiday delivery. The company also offers live Zoom cooking classes with top chef partners. Prices start at \$45. Goldbelly.com

#### For the Beginner Home Cook:

For something hyper local and vegan-veggie friendly, CropSwap is offering a Golden State Papayas Pizza Party Box for \$40 that includes fruits and vegetables from local farmers, the pizza dough, Drake's Family Farm goat cheese and a jar from The Count of Monte Pesto. These new experimental subscription boxes also include a breakfast kit and pantry staples. <a href="mailto:cropswap.com">cropswap.com</a>

#### For the Fun Wellness Guru:

There is a plethora of CBD products on the market but this is a sparkling hemp-based CBD-infused craft cocktail pack featuring limited edition original artwork from Collective Project, which supports the global art community. Available starting at \$17.99, flavors include Raspberry-Hibiscus Rooibos, Cucumber, Lemon-Lime and Mango, Pineapple-Coconut that will all mix well with your favorite at-home spirits. collectiveproject.com





#### MiHigh Box and Blanket

#### For the Fitness Expert:

Since we can't frequent the Shape House in West Hollywood right now to rid our bodies of all those toxins (who couldn't use a pre-or-post-holiday detox?), while running into local celebs, MiHigh is a portable infrared sauna blanket packaged in a black gift box. This magic blanket claims to burn up to 600 calories in a 30-minute session while elevating your heart rate and calming the mind. And, you can do this while lying on the sofa watching Netflix for \$499. Mihigh.com

#### For the Fashionista:

Local celebrity stylist and designer Rachel Zoe has launched a seasonal bespoke subscription box of upscale fashion and lifestyle accessories. The collections features jewelry, scarves, handbags, sunglasses, home and beauty products. CURATEUR memberships start at \$349 per year or \$99 per box. curateur.com

#### For the Hair Care Fanatic:

Pureology has undergone a renovation with new formulas that are 100 percent vegan, and is now offering them in gift boxes at <u>Sephora.com</u> or in the Beverly Hills store. Known for helping hair color last far beyond the salon, (and with salons being closed, we all need that right now), Pureology Holiday Kits for men and women are \$70 and include brightening, strengthening, volumizing, and smoothing themes.



#### LOVEGOODLY

#### For the Eco Beauty Buff:

With at-home pampering in high-demand, LOVEGOODLY is a new LA-based bi-monthly box that delivers 100 percent toxin-free and cruelty-free, products. Expect clean mascara by EVIO, vegan collagen night cream from London-based Professor Herb, a nourishing eye serum packed with cranberry seed oil for an antioxidant fix, and an orange and tea tree hand sanitizer that also fits in your handbag. Each purchase (starting at \$40.00) also gives back to animal welfare non-profit, Farm Sanctuary. lovegoodly.com



The Violet Box

#### For "High Maintenance" Skin Care:

For a more intense approach, West Hollywood's luxury beauty hub Violet Grey, owned by Cassandra Grey, has just released a Violet gift box of "best sellers" including 111 Skin Y Theorem Bio-Cellulose Mask, U Beauty Resurfacing Compound and Westman-Atelier Lip Suede Les Rouges. The box contains over 13 products valued at over \$1,000 for \$425. Violetgrey.com



Petrossian Caviar Photo by Jakob Layman

#### For Ringing Out 2020:

Petrossian caviar on Robertson is crafting special gift boxes this year that include varieties of products for picnics and at-home celebrations such as blinis and crème fraiche with mother of pearl spoons. You can also add Champagne, chocolates and appetizers from the \$300 to \$700 dollar range. Petrossian.com

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#### (Covid Update continued from page 1)

According to Public Health, this is the highest number of daily deaths since July 29. At press time, the county has reported 3,433 hospitalized patients.

The surge in cases in the county began around Nov. 2, and then one week later led to an increase in hospitalizations. Beginning around Nov. 9, Public Health began to report an increase in COVID-19 fatalities which remains high. Since Nov. 9, average daily deaths have increased by 258 percent. In a Dec. 9 Public Health press release, officials wrote: "Since these deaths reflect L.A. County case counts from a month ago, as cases have continued to increase the past few weeks, we will bear witness to a significant rise in the number of people who are dying."

Currently, the State is reporting the ICU bed capacity is at nine percent in the Southern California region. As a reminder, the region (which includes L.A. County) is under Gavin Newsom's Regional Stay-at-Home order that took effect Dec. 6 after the ICU capacity for the region fell below 15 percent. Right now, the Southern California regional ICU bed capacity is nine percent.

Public Health is urging the public not to gather with others outside of their immediate household, always wear face coverings when around others, and maintain physical distance from others who are not from their household. During the surge, people are advised to stay at home except for essential activities, avoid all travel that is not essential, get tested if they have symptoms.

On Dec. 9, officials announced that Los Angeles County is currently projecting that 1 out of every 140 residents is currently infectious with COVID-19. That figure does not include people who are hospitalized, isolated or quarantined, but reflects people who are in the community, potentially spreading the virus.

As a reminder, the following sectors are closed: cardrooms, wineries, breweries, distilleries, museums, botanical gardens, zoos, aquariums, personal care including hair salons, barbershops, and nail salons and family entertainment centers.

On Dec. 8, Cedars-Sinai announced that it has launched COVID-19 testing at its three urgent care clinics in Playa Vista, Culver City and Beverly Hills. The test uses a nasopharyngeal swab to collect a sample from the patient, and results are available within 48 to 72 hours.

"We have expanded our testing options in an effort to support our patients and the community by giving them access to high-quality testing when they need it," said Dr. Caroline Goldzweig, Cedars-Sinai Medical Network's chief medical officer. "We wanted to expand access especially for frontline workers such as grocery store employees, first responders or any essential worker whose job puts them in close contact with others."

Those getting tested do not need to be a Cedars-Sinai patient prior to booking their testing appointment, and the test costs \$150 if a patient does not have insurance.

For more information, visit www.

<u>cedars-sinai.org/programs/urgent-care.</u> html.

Additionally, LA County launched a new COVID-19 home test collection program that allows certain County residents to do free testing from the comfort of home. The runs from Dec. 1, 2020 through Jan. 15, 2021. The program hopes to address the recent surge in demand for testing during the holiday season when people may risk exposure. To learn more, visit <a href="https://covid19.lacounty.gov/la-county-holiday-home-test-collection/">https://covid19.lacounty-holiday-home-test-collection/</a>.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County health officials prepare for the massive undertaking of administering COVID-19 vaccinations to millions of residents.

"Equity is a fundamental principle here," Dr. Paul Simon, the county's chief science officer said during a Dec. 10 online media briefing. "We want to make sure all people have access, and that those that are at greatest risk either because of higher risk of exposure, or greater risk of severe illness because of chronic health conditions or other factors have more immediate access to the vaccine."

Simon stressed that initial doses of the vaccine will be strictly designated for health care workers and staff and residents of long-term care facilities. The county anticipates receiving nearly 83,000 doses of the Pfizer vaccine as early as next week, with the allotment then distributed to nine ultracold storage sites for subsequent delivery to 83 acute-care hospitals.

Vaccines for long-term care staff and residents will be distributed via a federal

contract with CVS and Walgreens. After the initial distribution, Simon said the county expects to receive roughly 250,000 more doses the following week, and another 150,000 the week after that, with weekly deliveries of up to 250,000 doses anticipated beginning in the new year.

After the distribution to health care workers and long-term care staff and residents is completed, under "Phase 1A" of the plan, priority will then move to "essential workers" and then people at highest risk of severe illness from the virus, including seniors or those with underlying health conditions. When the vaccine will become available to the general public remains unclear.

Beginning Dec. 10, Californians will have the option to receive notifications on their smartphones if they've been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

The app, called CA Notify, hopes to support the state's contact tracing efforts using Bluetooth technology. Once activated on a smartphone, users are simply instructed to leave Bluetooth on and then the app will send them alerts if they were in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19. The app does not track the user's location. To learn more, visit <a href="https://canotify.uchealth.edu/">https://canotify.uchealth.edu/</a>. If someone who is COVID-19 positive needs additional information, they should call toll-free at 1-833-540-0473. Other residents should continue to call 211 for resources or more information.

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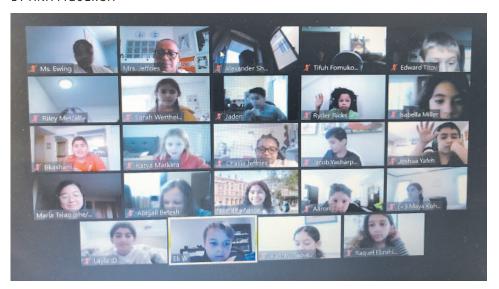
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# Community

# Beverly Hills Students Take Virtual Tour of USC

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Hawthorne School students attending virtual USC campus tour

Hawthorne School fourth-grade teacher Dessie Jeffries didn't let the pandemic interfere with her annual class campus tour of the University of Southern California. Jeffries and her students enjoyed a virtual tour of the university on Dec. 3.

Tour guides Namita Nixon and Maria Tsiao took the class on a campus tour that included Widney Alumni House, Doheny

Memorial Library, the Health Science Campus, McCarthy Quad, University Village, Tommy Trojan, and Traveler, the school

After the tour, the guides and Jeffries's daughter, Chasia, a USC senior, participated in a Q&A session. Students asked questions about the fields of engineering, medicine, law and athletics. The fourth graders were



Hawthorne School fourth-grade teacher Dessie Jeffries

especially interested in a surfing course offered at USC. They also had questions about on-campus housing.

"It's never too early for students to think

about college and their futures, even during a pandemic," Jeffries, a USC graduate herself, told the Courier.

One of Jeffries' students, Riley Metcalfe, wasn't sure what to expect on the virtual trip, but came away impressed.

"I really liked the Village and how the campus was arranged. I definitely think that USC is the place where I want to go for college and study. I don't know what I want to be when I get older, but I'm sure that USC will teach it," said Metcalfe.

Noting the level of engagement on the virtual tour, Jeffries said she "couldn't be prouder" of her students.

"They surely have college on their minds and that brings me joy. Whether it's USC or another university, higher education and lifelong learning is a win-win scenario," she added.

# Playgrounds Reopen in **Beverly Hills**

BY ANA FIGUEROA



Playgrounds have reopened in Beverly Hills

Playgrounds have reopened in the City of Beverly Hills, providing some good news in a week filled with pandemic-related shutdowns. Children can once again enjoy facilities at Roxbury, La Cienega and Coldwater Canyon parks, and Arnaz, Hamel and Reeves mini parks.

The reopening stems from an update to the Health Orders issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health). The update allows for playgrounds to reopen with safety guidelines and protocols in place. The protocols include the wearing of face coverings and maintaining six feet of social distance. Visitors to the playground must wash their hands before and after using the playground. No food or drink is allowed on the playground. And, anyone experiencing a fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing should stay at

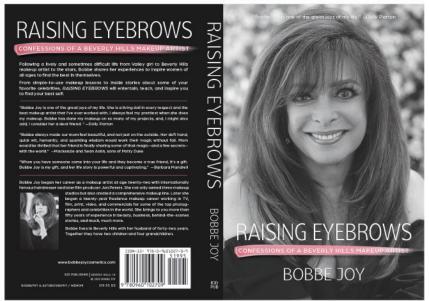
home. Additionally, occupancy guidelines have been put in place to ensure safe social distancing. The proper observance of those guidelines is needed to ensure that everyone is able to enjoy the facilities.

A statement released by the City of Beverly Hills on Dec. 10 noted:

"We understand the need for adults and children to be outdoors and recreate, and we are happy to reopen our playgrounds, however, we ask that you recreate responsibly for the safety of you as well as your neighbors. To ensure the safety of its park and playground visitors, the City of Beverly Hills will have staff on hand to monitor compliance."

Information about the Public Health Order and current guidelines is available at bever-lyhills.org/coronavirus. For questions, call 310-288-2220. •

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#### (Rate Hikes continued from page 1)

In March 2018, China dropped a bombshell on the world when it announced it would no longer buy most forms of recycling. For decades, China had readily accepted the world's refuse–70 percent, or about 7 million tons a year. The ripples of their new policy stretch all the way to Beverly Hills. Add to this, the company the City contracts with to dispose its waste, Athens, scheduled a 61 percent cost increase.

To soften the sticker shock of a 61 percent

increase, the City began discussing a gradual rate increase in the fall of 2019 that would be phased in over five years. City staff unveiled a proposal at the Nov. 17 City Council meeting, but the proposal drew criticism for not taking current economic conditions into account enough.

Staff presented the Council with three options at the Dec. 8 Regular Meeting. "Staff understands the impact of the pandemic on residential and commercial customers and has taken this into account as further

rate scenarios were developed," the staff report read. "This rate adjustment is meant to ensure fiscal responsibility in collecting the appropriate revenue and maintaining adequate reserves for the Solid Waste Enterprise so services can continue to be delivered at a high level."

In the first alternative, the City would simply postpone the rate hikes by six months. The new start date of Jan. 1, 2022, would give residents a reprieve while the impacts of the pandemic hopefully subsided. While the delay would eat slightly into the enterprise fund's reserves, they would recover by fiscal year 2025/26.

Scenario two would decrease, rather than increase, the existing solid waste rates by 5 percent. To make up the growing difference each year, the City would pay out of its reserves until those ran out by fiscal year 2023/24. Scenario three would simply see no change in rates at all. In that case, too, the City would supplement the difference out of the reserves.

As Director of Public Works Shana Epstein explained in an Oct. 21 town hall, the City can use the reserves in times of emergency.

"If we have major failure with our vehicles, they're very expensive," said Epstein. She also cited emergencies, like fires or earthquakes, that lead to significant debris. "There's a lot of debris removal...We have to quickly mobilize contracts, mobilize additional vehicles, find property. All that is what we would use reserves for, to keep moving

and keeping the City clean."

"Reserves are important for a healthy fund and we really do look at the enterprise funds as though they were their own business," said Councilmember Julian Gold.

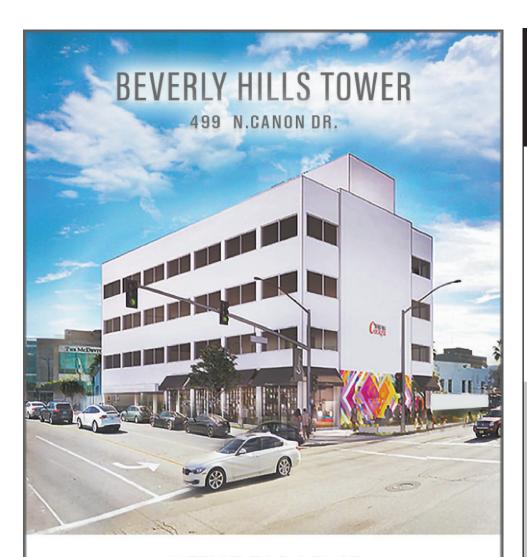
The alternative proposals also took into consideration another critique of the original proposal. Namely, that the fee structure placed a disproportionate cost burden on those in some multifamily residential buildings.

Previously, the City charged multifamily residential customers "either a dwelling unit rate or a per container rate based on container size and frequency of collection," according to the staff report. But because many multifamily residential customers with alley service share containers, they end up paying the same amount for less.

In response to feedback at the Nov. 17 City Council meeting, staff devised a new formula for calculating multifamily residential rates using the lot size and square footage of the building instead of a fixed rate."

John Mirisch, the only dissenting vote, argued that the City should reduce the rate given the ongoing public health crisis. "It's time for us to finally do something for the residents of the community we serve and so I won't be supporting anything except a reduction," he said.

Residents with outstanding questions regarding the implementation of new solid waste rates can email the Public Works Department at AskPW@beverlyhills.org or call 310-285-2467.



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- The applicant must be, or partner with a 501c.3 organization.
- •The applicant must return a fully completed application no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.

For cultural grant opportunities and to obtain an application, please call Human Services at 310.285.1006 or visit www.beverlyhills.org/cagf

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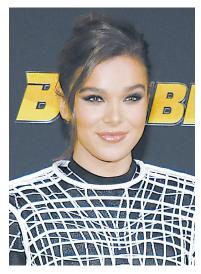
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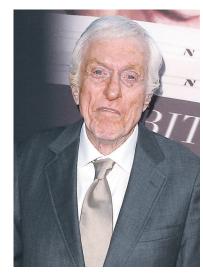
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# Astrology

BY HOLIDAY MATIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today is about comfortably and casually getting to know the people who could change your life a few months down the line. This introductory process is best taken slow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will be important to acknowledge the social system, which includes hierarchies of status. Pretending that the status scaffolding doesn't exist will only breed later resentments.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's said that you can't judge a book by its cover, but there's an entire industry that suggests the opposite. Just don't judge a book by its movie. These thoughts will be useful metaphorically, not literally.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're willing to make a sacrifice in the call of duty. It helps if there's also love involved. Dutiful sacrifices are admirable and take character. Sacrifices for love are both those things, doused in the sweetness of life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Force

breeds resistance. This is why it's important you do not try to force yourself to do anything you don't want to do. Persuasion is better. Seduction is the best.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes time to formulate a solid opinion on something. You'll be asked to take sides or make a decision. It's too soon, and you don't have enough information yet. Stall.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long relationships are a compilation -- a string of daily decisions, many of which are so small you hardly notice you're making them. Notice today, though, because the small things will matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's true love and there's easy love, and they don't always show up together. You will feel that the love you had to work for rings with deeper resonance because of (not despite) your fight for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Take authority you're given and wear it regally. It doesn't mean you think you're superior. It's just a role -- though a necessary one. Someone has to play it, and you'll do it well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love fills you with gratitude. You

feel lucky to know and love the people in your life and receive their affection. Something as simple as a quick conversation counts as a kind of celebration of the relationship.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't influence people you don't know. Your time will be well-spent in a pleasant effort to get to know people. Other people's problems will be opportunities for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll take a step toward mastery. You'll clear the obstacle that has been getting in the way of giving

daily attention to the thing you want to be so good at.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 11). A force guides you toward a field or person. This added layer of mystical motivation makes for a poetic story of how you satisfied very practical aims. A location change is favored, as is entrance to a new school or doctrine. You'll make a handsome profit in March and invest further to much success. Capricorn and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 43, 10, 33, 28 and 4.



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#### GET OUT OF HERE! BY TONY ORBACH / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

I., is a construction-project manager, saxophonist and crossword constructor. Tony's love of puzzle was a big crossword solver, and as a teen, I would look over his shoulder and help." Tony once mad d for his dad. "He loved it and made me one in return." By "my father," incidentally, Tony means t ay and television fame. — W.S.

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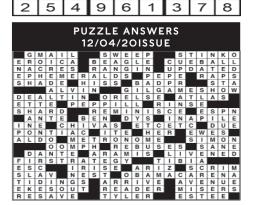
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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS AMENDING CHAPTER 6 (SHARED MOBILITY DEVICES) OF TI-TLÈ 7 (TRAFFIC, PARKING, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXTEND THE PROHIBITION ON SHARED MOBIL-ITY DEVICES BEING PLACED IN ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR ON PUBLIC PROPERTY, OPERATED IN ANY PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OR ON PUBLIC PROPER-TY, OR OFFERED FOR USE ANYWHERE IN THE CITY, AND TO EXTEND THE SUN-SET DATE OF SUCH PROHIBITION

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

On July 24, 2018, the City Section 1. Council enacted an urgency ordinance (Ord. 18-0-2757) prohibiting for six months shared mobility devices from being placed in the public right-of-way or on public property, operated in the public right-of-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in the City (referred to herein as "the prohibition"). On December 18, 2018, the City Council enacted an ordinance (Ord. 18-O-2769) extending the prohibition for an additional twelve months until January 17, 2020. On November 19, 2019 the City Council enacted an ordinance (Ord. 19-O-2794) again extending the prohibition for an additional twelve months until January 10, 2021. These extensions of the prohibition were necessary in order to address the serious safety hazards posed by the proliferation of unregulated shared mobility devices being illegally operated on the sidewalk and abandoned haphazardly on public and private property. The City remains open to exploring the feasibility of an alternative regulatory scheme or pilot project involving shared mobility devices. However, there is no pilot project or alternative regulatory scheme yet in place in the City. The City therefore intends to extend the prohibition beyond the January 10, 2021 sunset date as provided in Section 3 below.

Section 2. This Ordinance was assessed in accordance with the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the environmental regulations of the City. The adoption and implementation of the Ordinance would extend the current prohibition on shared mobility devices being placed in the public right-of-way or on public property, operated in the public rightof-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in the City. The Ordinance is exempt from the requirements of CEQA because it does not qualify as a project under CEQA and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that continuing its current policy of prohibiting shared mobility devices from being placed in the public right-of-way or on public property, operated in the public right-of-way or on public property, or offered for use anywhere in the City will have a significant effect on the environment. The Ordinance is additionally exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), as it involves no expansion of the use of existing facilities, a category that includes streets and side-

The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills hereby extends the prohibition on shared mobility devices found in Chapter 6 (Shared Mobility Devices) of Title 7 (Traffic, Parking, and Public Transportation) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code by amending Section 7-6-5 (Sunset Provision), to read as follows: "This Chapter shall remain in effect until one year after either the California Governor lifts the Covid-19 State of Emergency, or the City Council lifts the Covid-19 State of Emergency, whichever is later, at which time it shall become ineffective unless the City Council acts to extend it."

Section 4. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 5. <u>Publication.</u> The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general cir-

culation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and this certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

**Section 6.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

Adopted: December 1, 2020

Effective: January 1, 2021

ATTEST: **HUMA AHMED (SEAL)** City Clerk

**GEORGE CHAVEZ** 

City Manager

LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman NOES: Councilmember Mirisch

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186158 The following is/are doing business as: GCMS CONSTRUCTION 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; P.O. Box 77, Beverly Hills, CA 90213; Michael Gordon 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90213; Michael Gordon 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, Hills, CA 90213; Michael Gordon 332 S. Crescent Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90212; The business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Michael Gordon, Owner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186152
The following is/are doing business as: 1) WHAT A PAIR 2) THE BOOK FOUNDATION 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. #927 Beverly Hills, CA 90210; Make Good, Inc. 9663 Santa Monica Blvd. #927 Beverly

Hills, CA 90210; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed May 2006: **Ruth Stalford**, **CEO**: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186154

The following is/are doing business as: RECORD SURPLUS
12436 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025; Surfabilly Music
Corp. 12436 Santa Monica Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the name(s) listed January 2011: Cheryl Perkey, Secretary: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186156 The following is/are doing business as: SELTZER REAL ESTATE ACQUISITION COMPANY 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Michael Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Sheldon Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful to the Careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful to the Careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful to the Careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful to the Careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; The Business is careful Seltzer 1511 S. Pontius Ave. #102, Los Angeles, CA 90025; Th Angeles, CA 90025; The business is conducted by: A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, registrant(s) has NOT under the name(s) listed: Michael Seltzer, General Partner: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020 Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186160 FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020186160
The following is/are doing business as: 1) BEVERLY ALCOTT APTS.
2) GLENVILLE APTS 3) 1110 OAKHURST APTS 4) 3112 BAGLEY
APTS 5) 3116 BAGLEY APTS 6) DETROIT APTS 7) DOHENY APTS
8) GLENDON APTS 9) MALCOLM APTS 10) REXFORD APTS
10433 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034; Kelman-Bronstein
Corporation 10433 National Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034; The
business is conducted by: A CORPORATION, registrant(s) has NOT
begun to transact business under the name(s) listed. Paul E begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: Paul E Bronstein, President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November 12, 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020183272 The following is/are doing business as: SPYCRAFT ENTERTAINMENT

2801 Ocean Park Blvd. #3, Santa Monica, CA 90405; Smersh LLC 300 Delaware Ave. #210-A, Wilmington, DE 19801; The business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, registrant(s) has NOT begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: John Sipher, Member: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: 2020; Published: November 27, December 04, 11, 18, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020181923
The following is/are doing business as: YERDUA PRODUCTION
238 S. Tower Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; Audrey Turner 238 S.
Tower Dr., Beverly Hills, CA 90211; The business is conducted by: AN
INDIVIDUAL, registrant(s) has begun to transact business under the
name(s) listed September 2020: Audrey Turner, CFO: Statement
is filed with the Cauthy of Los Angeles: November 06 2020; is filed with the County of Los Angeles: November Published: December 04, 11, 18, 25, 2020 LACC N/C

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT 2020207024
The following is/are doing business as: FORME
11301 W. Olympic Blvd., #552, West Los Angeles, CA 90064; IFGFIT

Inc. 11301 W. Olympic Blvd. #552. West Los Angeles, CA 90064; The business is conducted by: **A CORPORATION**, registrant(s) has **NOT** begun to transact business under the name(s) listed: **Seiji Liu**, Vice President: Statement is filed with the County of Los Angeles: December 04, 2020; Published: December 11, 18, 25, 2020; January 01, 2021 LACC N/C

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**ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2828** 

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS ADDING ARTICLE 17.1 TO CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 4 OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CODE TO REGULATE ANIMAL GROOMING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City Council of the City of Beverly Hills hereby adds Article 17.1 (Animal Grooming) of Chapter 2 of Title 4 to read as follows:

#### "Article 17.1. Animal Grooming:

#### 4-2-1710: Permit Required:

No person shall engage in, conduct, or carry on commercial animal grooming activity without a permit issued under the provisions of Chapter 1, Article 1 of this Title.

#### 4-2-1720: Definitions:

For the purposes of this Article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

- A. "Animal" shall mean common mammalian household pets such as dogs or cats. The provision of this article shall not apply to reptiles, amphibians, birds, or fish.
- B. "Animal groomer(s) or Groomers" shall mean persons engaged in animal grooming.
- C. "Animal grooming" shall mean the cleaning, styling, and appearance maintenance of animals, or the handling of animals in preparation for these services, with the exception of preparation for medical purposes or procedures.
- Manimal grooming facility or business" shall mean any establishment where commercial animal grooming takes place.
- E, "Establishment" shall mean a business or other organization, or the place where a business or organization operates.
- F. "Grooming arms" shall mean polls or posts, that extend over the grooming table or grooming station, from which tethering devices are attached.
- G. "Groom loops" shall mean any tethering devices where a loop is placed around the head or neck of an animal but the amount that it tightens is limited or restricted when pressure is applied.
- H. "Grooming noose" shall mean any tethering device where a loop is placed around the head or neck of an animal but the amount that it tightens is not limited or restricted when pressure is applied. This definition does not include "grooming loops".
- I. "Mobile animal grooming business" shall mean an animal grooming business operated out of a van or other vehicle that preforms animal grooming at locations off-site from the address where the business is licensed.
- J. "Nationally recognized organization" shall include, but is not limited to, International Professional Groomers, International Society of Canine Cosmetologists, National Dog Groomers Association of America, or American Kennel Club. Such organization shall adhere to standards of care, safety and sanitation that are similar or equivalent to those set forth by the Professional Pet Groomers and Stylists Alliance.
- K "Self-groom" shall mean animal grooming performed by the owner or guardian of an animal at a commercial animal grooming facility.
- L. "Tethering device" shall mean any device used to restrain or tether an animal to a grooming table or other surface.

## 4-2-1730 Application Information - Animal Grooming Businesses:

In addition to the information prescribed by the Finance Director, all applications for a permit to conduct an animal grooming business must contain the following information:

- A. The complete address and all telephone numbers of the animal grooming business;
- B. A complete list of the names and residence addresses of all proposed employees employed by the animal grooming business and the name and residence addresses of the manager or managing employee proposed to be principally in charge of the operation of the animal grooming business;
- G. If applicable, the two previous addresses of the applicant immediately prior to the present address of the applicant;
- D. Whether or not the applicant, in previously operating an animal grooming establishment or similar business in this or any other city or state under license or permit, has had such license or permit denied, revoked, or suspended and the reasons therefor;
- E. The applicant must report to City on the permit application form if any employee, with direct contact with animals, ever has had a license or permit, certification or identification for working with animals revoked or suspended, and the reason therefor;
- All criminal convictions of the business and the owner/applicant involving animals or the animal grooming business; and
- G. Proof of current business tax registration with the City of Beverly Hills.

#### 4-2-1740 Operating Requirements:

- A. Staff Requirements.
- Any animal grooming facility shall have a responsible person on the premises to act as manager and supervise employees during all business hours.
- 2. Groomers that are employed by the permitee on or after the effective date of this ordinance shall not groom any animal without the supervision of a groomer who has met the criteria enumerated in paragraphs (a) through (d) below unless the unsupervised groomer has:
  - a. Obtained certification for their level of responsibility from a nationally recognized organization; or
  - b. Graduated from an animal grooming school and have a minimum of one year of practical, professional animal grooming experience; or
  - c. Completed an animal grooming apprenticeship program commensurate with their level of responsibility; or
  - d. Been employed as a groomer for no less that the last seven (7) consecutive years, and throughout that period and course of employment has regularly and frequently groomed animals.
- 3. Inspection Authority. Any city official, city employee, or employee of Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control, authorized to enforce the provisions of this article of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code, such as Community Preservation staff, may conduct an inspection of the premises licensed under this article at any reasonable time to ensure compliance with the provisions of this article. Mobile animal grooming businesses are subject to vehicle inspections to ensure their vehicle(s) used for mobile grooming meet applicable facility requirements, including, but not limited to, requirements to install and maintain video recording devices in good working order that adequately capture the animal and the groomer throughout the grooming process.
- C. General Facility Requirements.
- Facilities for animals must be maintained so as to continuously provide a sanitary environment for the animals kept or to be kept therein. Equipment shall be maintained in accordance with all applicable laws and industry standards.
- Animal holding or drying areas shall be large enough to allow the animal to stand. lie down and turn around.

- Cages and grooming areas such as tables, benches, and tubs shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair.
- 4. Animal enclosures, cages or other restraint devices shall be constructed to prevent injury to the animals. Enclosures may have wire flooring provided that the wire is of adequate gauge to prevent sagging under the weight of the animals, and the mesh is small enough to prevent their feet from passing through.
- 5. Grooming personnel must remain within four (4) feet of the animal during all bathing and grooming procedures.
- A consultation with the customer shall take place prior to the grooming to discuss health and temperament concerns and to establish the animal's previous grooming history.
- 7. Grooming nooses, chokers, slip collars, pinch collars, and prong collars shall not be used as tethering devices.
- 8. All tethering devices shall be equipped with a quick-release feature, which allows the tethering device to be removed quickly and safely. Animals placed on grooming tables in self-grooming areas must be attached to tethering devices with quick-release features A tethering device is not required to be used if an animal is on the ground.
- 9. Any tethering device, harness, or restraint used shall be of appropriate style, size, and strength for the animal to which it is attached. Grooming loops or tethering devices used to restrain an animal by its neck are not appropriate tethering devices for cats.
- 10. Animals with a collapsed trachea or other breathing problems shall neither be tethered nor restrained in such a manner as to inhibit its ability to breathe and all reasonable efforts shall be made to reduce or prevent pressure to the neck of such animal.
- Tethering devices shall be fastened to the animal in a manner that minimizes discomfort to the animal.
- 12. Grooming arms, by which the animal is restrained, shall be secure.
- 13. Video recording.
  - a. Within eight (8) months of this ordinance's enactment, video recording devices shall be installed and maintained in good working order in all bathing and styling areas of grooming facilities, except those areas where patrons self-groom animals for which the patrons are owners or guardians.
  - b. Video recording devices shall be installed in such a way to adequately capture the animal and the groomer throughout the bathing and styling process, which may require more than one video recording device to be installed.
  - c. Video recordings may be stored through cloud storage or local storage.
  - d. Video must be of a reasonably quality to capture all animal grooming activities. Devices that capture video at a resolution of, or higher than, 1080p HD are presumed to be of reasonable quality.
  - e. All recordings shall be maintained for a period of no less than seven (7) days. Any recording of animal mistreatment, injury or death shall be preserved for a period of two (2) years.
- Grooming tabletops shall be equipped with a non-slip surface that is easy to clean.
- Bath tubs and the floor immediately outside of the tub shall be covered in a nonslip surface.
- D. General Operating Requirements.
- All animal grooming facilities shall have a working relationship and written acknowledgement from a veterinarian to

- timely veterinary care as appropriate for illness or injury. The name, address and phone number, and hours of operation, of the veterinarian will be available to the inspector upon request, and shall be posted.
- Anti-bark collars and sedatives shall not be used on any animal without written permission of the owner or guardian of the animal.
- Animals which are natural enemies shall not be quartered or held together or so near each other as to cause injury or torment.
- 4. Animals shall not be boarded at the facility, unless the facility is permitted as a pet boarding facility pursuant to Beverly Hills Municipal Code section 10-3-1620.3. The pet boarding area shall be separate from the grooming area. Animals shall only be kept at a grooming facility for a reasonable time in order to perform the business of grooming.
- Each animal shall be kept in an individual cage unless grouping of animals is requested by the animal(s) owner(s) or guardian(s).
- E. Cleanliness Requirements.
- The interior facility surfaces, walls, cages, counters, and tables shall be constructed and maintained so that they are water resistant and can be cleaned and sanitized.
- All cages, benches, tables, tubs, etc. shall be sanitized after one animal ceases to occupy the space, before another occupies the same space.
- 3. Equipment such as brushes, combs and clipper blades shall be sanitized between uses on different animals.
- 4. The hair or fur on the floor around each grooming station shall be removed after each animal. Common areas of the facility shall be kept in good repair and cleaned each business day.
- Hair, waste and refuse shall be removed from the facility and disposed of daily so as to minimize odors, disease hazards and vermin infestation.
- F. Water.
- 1. Potable water shall be provided for drinking purposes.
- Water shall be offered to animals at the facility at least once every hour and water dishes shall be cleaned prior to offering the water dish to another animal.
- G. Dryers.
- Cage dryers with a fully enclosed drying chamber in which the animal is placed, and without safety air vents, are prohibited.
- Dryers must be located and oriented to be in clear and full view of groomers at all times.
- Dryers must be monitored by an animal groomer at all times while in operation.
- 4. All dryers must be equipped with a timer that will automatically shut off the dryer after fifteen minutes, unless it is a handheld dryer or a dryer directly attended by a person.
- H. Records. Current and up to date files of incidents involving injuries, severe illness, seizure and/or death which occur at the animal grooming facility or business must be kept at the facility at all times. The incident file shall cover the most recent three (3) year period. The records shall be available to the public, upon request during regular business hours. Mobile animal grooming businesses may keep incident files at the address where the business is licensed.
- Reporting. The manager or person in charge must report all grooming-related injuries requiring medical attention and the deaths of any animal at the facility within twenty-four (24) hours of the

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occurrence of such incident. Notification is to be made to the City of Beverly Hills Community Preservation Manager by telephone. Such notification must include the name, address and phone number of the guardian of the injured or deceased animal

Mobile Animal Groomers. Mobile animal grooming businesses shall be required to have an animal grooming permit and comply with all provisions of this article.

#### 4-2-1750 Enforcement:

A violation of this article is subject to the administrative penalty provisions of Title 1, Chapter 3 of this Code. Where the violation is of a continuing nature, each day or portion thereof wherein the violation continues constitutes a separate and distinct violation.

A permit to operate an animal grooming facility may be revoked or suspended pursuant to the provisions of Title 4, Chapter 1, Article 1 of this Code."

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or place, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and this certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Adopted: December 1, 2020 Effective: January 1, 2021

LESTER J. FRIEDMAN Mayor of the City of Beverly Hills, California

HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman NOES: None **CARRIED** 

ORDINANCE NO. 20-O-2830

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DEVERLY HILLS AMENDING ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 4 (ENTITLED PARADES AND ASSEMBLIES) OF THE BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL CÓDE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Beverly Hills recthat allow the community to collectively express its concerns about public issues, and supports the rights of all people to peacefully exercise their First Amendment rights to free speech and assembly; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, the City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 20-O-2821, amending Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 4 (entitled Parades and Assemblies) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to attempt to balance protection of the First Amendment right to demonstrate with the physical and fiscal impacts of these demonstrations on the City, the Police Department, and the City's residents. The Urgency Ordinance went into effect on 12:01 a.m. on November 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on November 10, 2020, the City Council adopted a regular, permanent ordinance making identical changes to the municipal code: and

WHEREAS, the City now seeks to revise its parade and assembly regulations to address issues that were not addressed in the November 10 ordinance; and

WHEREAS, beginning on July 25, 2020, and continuing weekly on every Saturday thereafter, groups of roughly one hundred (100) to four thousand (4000) people have held unpermitted political demonstrations on Saturday at Beverly Gardens Park, primarily on the block between Beverly Drive and Cañon Drive, occupying large portions of the park for several hours each Saturday for eighteen weeks, and regularly spilling over into heavily trafficked roadways; and

WHEREAS, during unpermitted demonstrations participants have encroached into Santa Monica Boulevard, a major arterial, and the bike lane along Santa Monica Boulevard, endangering themselves and distracting and endangering those in vehicles and on bicycles; and

WHEREAS, a number of participants at recent public demonstrations have wielded long, thin metal or plastic rods, including fishing poles, in ways that jeopardized the physical safety of other participants, bystanders, and law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Beverly Hills Park between Beverly Boulevard and Rodeo Drive contains a popular public art garden, which features many valuable works of art that are installed and maintained by the City; and

WHEREAS, the portion of Beverly Gardens Park between Beverly Drive and Rodeo Drive has been used only sparingly for unpermitted demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, the use of Beverly Gardens Park as an area for unpermitted protests has, due to the park's close proximity to residential neighborhoods, resulted in considerable hardship for area residents as expressed in numerous complaints, including repeated obstruction of local access to and through the park, sudden and sharp increases in illegal parking (including in residential neighborhoods), and safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to adopt regulations that will promote the free exercise of First Amendment rights through parades and assemblies, and simultaneously serve the significant interests of protecting the public health and safety of our community, including those involved in or observing parades and assemblies; and

WHEREAS, the City particularly desires to protect its residents' rights to enjoy free and unfettered access to the City's public parks and the features thereof, and to protect the health and safety of demonstrators, drivers, and pedestrians.

Section 1. Section 4-3-200 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 4 (entitled Parades and Assemblies) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

# "4-3-200: ASSEMBLIES OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE:

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, parades and assemblies of fewer than five hundred (500) people will be allowed without a permit in La Cienega Park and on the Crescent Drive side of the City Hall.
- B. No sound amplification equipment shall be permitted if it will generate Significant Noise Impacts.
- C. To protect public access to City parks for public uses other than parades and assemblies, if La Cienega Park experiences any unpermitted parade or assembly which either: (a) takes place in the park for more than two (2) hours within the same six (6) hour time period for six (6) weeks within a twelve week (12) period, or (b) takes place in the park for at least two hours on a Saturday or Sunday for six (6) weeks within a twelve (12) week period, then the park shall be closed to unpermitted parades and assemblies for

a period of six (6) weeks and unpermitted parades or assemblies may take place in another location named in Section 4-3-200(A).

Section 2. Subsection V is hereby added to Section 4-3-209 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 4 (entitled Prohibitions) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code to read as follows:

"V. Participants in unpermitted parades and assemblies taking place in any locations listed in Section 4-3-200(A) shall not assemble in an adjacent public right of way, and shall at all times remain at least seven (7) feet back from the curbs alongside La Cienega Boulevard and other major arterial streets.

Section 3. Subsection B of Section 4-3-209 of Article 2 of Chapter 3 of Title 4 (entitled Prohibitions) of the Beverly Hills Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"B. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or possess any length of plastic or metal pipe, rod or other object greater than one foot (1') in length and/or greater than one-quarter inch (1/4") in its thickest dimension, including rods attached to signs, posters, plaques, notices."

Section 4. CEQA. The City Council hereby finds, in the exercise of its independent judgment and analysis, that this ordinance is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) provides that a project does not include organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. This ordinance merely amends the City's regulations governing parades and assemblies, and does not allow any new uses of land within the City that would result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. In addition, this ordinance is also exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as there is no possibility the proposed ordinance would have a significant impact on the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) (3). A Notice of Exemption has been prepared and will be filed in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 5. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be considered a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Publication. The City Clerk shall cause this Ordinance to be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation published and circulated in the City within fifteen (15) days after its passage in accordance with Section 36933 of the Government Code, shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance, and shall cause this Ordinance and this certification, together with proof of publication, to be entered in the Book of Ordinances of the Council of this City.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall go into effect and be in full force and effect at 12:01 a.m. on the thirty-first (31st) day after its passage.

Section 8. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Ordinance.

Adopted: December 1, 2020 Effective: January 1, 2021

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HUMA AHMED (SEAL) City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: LAURENCE S. WIENER City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT: GEORGE CHAVEZ City Manager

VOTE:

AYES: Councilmember Gold, Councilmember Bosse, Vice Mayor Wunderlich, and Mayor Friedman NOES: Councilmember Mirisch CARRIED

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 20SMCP00399 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the Matter of the petition of: SOLOMAN LEVI GHALCHI To all interested person(s):

Petitioner: Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and

Petitioner: Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and Daniel David Ghalchi current residence address: 450 N. Palm Dr. #106, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 filed a petition with the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse, on November 06, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows: Present Name: SOLOMON LEVI GHALCHI Proposed Name: JACOB SOLOMON GHALCHI The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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NOTICE OF HEARING:
Date: February 05, 2021 Time: 8:30am Dept: K
The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main St.,
Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse.
Reason for name change: "No, he is an infant."
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information in the foregoing petition is true and correct.
Signed: Amanda Hannah Zarabi Ghalchi and

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Signed: Amanda Hamman Zarabi Graichi and Daniel David Ghalchi
Judge of the Superior Court: Laurence H. Cho,
Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk,
By: Marcos Mariseal, Deputy Clerk
Dated: November 06, 2020 Published: December 11,
18, 25, 2020, January 01, 2021 Beverly Hills Courier

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CASE NO: 20SMCP00225 ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the Matter of the petition of: Oliver Joshua Hakim

In the Matter of the petition of: Oliver Joshua Hakim
To all interested person(s):
Petitioner: Oliver Joshua Hakim
Presently over 18 years of age, current residence:
Beverly Hills, CA filed a petition with the Superior Court
of California, County of Los Angeles, 1725 Main Street,
Santa Monica, CA 90401, Santa Monica Courthouse on
July 14, 2020 for a Decree changing names as follows:
Present Name: Oliver Joshua Hakim
Proposed Name: OLIVER MEHDI HAKIM
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in
this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing
indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition
for change of name should not be granted.
NOTICE OF HEARING: Date: December 18, 2020
Time: 8:30 AM Department: K Room: A-203
The address of the court is: Santa Monica Courthouse
1725 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Reason for name change: To commemorate my late
grandfather.

grandfather.
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed: Oliver Joshua Hakim

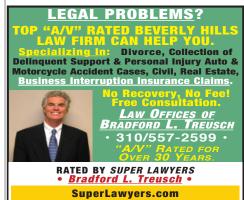
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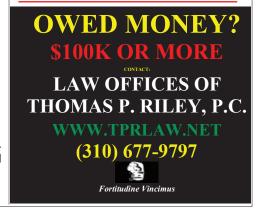
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